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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : Jaan Noolandi, et al.
Prior application No. : 09/750,560
Filing Date : December 28, 2000
Examiner : SIEW, Jeffrey
Art Unit : 1637
Attorney Docket No. : XER 2 0399

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified pending prior application.

For: **IMAGER FOR DNA SEQUENCER**

1. Consider the amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on February 18, 2003 in response to the Final Office Action dated October 16, 2002.
2. A copy of the February 18, 2003 amendment, and accompanying transmittal letter, and request for one month extension of time are enclosed herewith.
3. Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and request a **second and third month extension of time** (a one-month extension of time was previously obtained and is enclosed for reference) to respond to the outstanding Office Action. A check in the amount of \$ 820.00 is attached.
4. Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and request any additional extensions of time that may be necessary and authorize the extension of time fees to be charged to Deposit Account No. 24-0037.

CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence and related attachments are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 and is addressed to: Commissioner For Patents, Box RCE, Washington, DC 20231. **Express Mail No.:** EV231661389.

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Date: April 15 2003

5. In the event of any questions concerning this matter, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorneys.
5. The filing fee is calculated below.

| CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT | | | | |
|---|----|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Basic Filing Fee (Large Entity) | | | \$750.00 | |
| | | No. of Extra Claims Present | No. of Previously Paid For | Additional Rate |
| Total Claims | 26 | 6 | 26 | \$ 00.00 |
| Indep. Claims | 07 | 4 | 07 | \$ 00.00 |


Total fee \$750.00

6. **Fees**

- ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 24-0037 in the amount of \$750.00 to cover the filing fee.
- ☒ It is believed that \$444.00 was previously charged to Deposit Account No. 24-0037 to cover the cost of the additional claims submitted in the After-Final Amendment filed on February 18, 2003. Accordingly, it is believed that no further fees for additional claims are required. If this is determined to be incorrect, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 24-0037 in the amount of \$444.00 to cover the additional claim fees.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required herein, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 24-0037.
7. ☒ Please address all future communications to

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